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SUBJECT: KUWAITI DRILLING NEAR IRAQI BORDER

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1. DURING COVERSATION WITH E/C SECTION CHIEF MARCH 7,
AHMAD AL-HAMAD, CHAIRMAN OF KUWAIT DRILLING COMPANY (IN
51/49 PERCENT PARTNERSHIP WITH SANTA FE DRILLING COMPANY)
SAID THAT HIS COMPANY NOW HAS RIG AT JJIRFAN NO. WELL SITE,
500 METERS FROM IRAQI BORDER, DRILLINT TO DEPTH OF 11,000
FEET. RIG, WHICH BROUGHT FROM TANZANIA, HAS BROKEN THROUGH
CEMENT CAP PUT ON WELL AT 6000 FEET IN 1964 AND SHOULD REACH
11,000 FEET LEVEL, WHERE OIL BELIEVED LIKELY, BY END OF
APRIL. AFTER COMPLETION OF DRILLING, SECOND WELL WILL BE
DUG IN AREA, AL-HAMAD SAID.

2. IN RESPONSE QUERY, AL-HAMAD SAID HE KNEW OF NO IRAQI
DRILLING ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY ACROSS BORDER, NOR OF ANY
MOVEMENT BY IRAQIS IN AREA NEAR RIG. HE ASSUMED IRAQIS WOULD
COMMENCE DRILLING ON THEIR SIDE OF BORDER SHOULD KUWAITIS
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